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SPECIAL SUMMARY NUMBER TWO

### 1. SOUVANNA UNDER PRESSURE TO SIGN

ACCORDING TO EMBASSY VIENTIANE, SOUVANNA PHOUMA WILL HAVE THE LAO PROTOCOL SIGNED THIS WEEK, POSSIBLY SEPTEMBER 14. SOUVANNA IS AWARE THAT THE PATHET LAO ARE ANXIOUS FOR SIGNATURE AND FEELS HE MUST ACT THIS WEEK OR RUN THE RISK OF A BREAKDOWN IN NEGOTIATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) VIENTIANE 6237, 9/10.

### 2. EFFECTS OF AUSTRALIAN REVALUATION

SUNDAY'S FIVE PERCENT REVALUATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR IS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING WHEN CONSIDERED PURELY IN TERMS OF RECENT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEVELOPMENTS. EMBASSY CANBERRA COMMENTS THAT THE AUSTRALIANS MAY BE RESORTING TO STRINGENT MONETARY MEASURES AS AN ANTI-INFLATION TOOL. CONFIDENTIAL

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THE REVALUATION WILL PROVIDE MARGINAL IMPETUS TO US EXPORTS

TO AUSTRALIA. (CONFIDENTIAL) CANBERRA 4984, 9/10.

3. SOVIETS UPSET JAPANESE ON TYUMEN PIPELINE PROJECT DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO TOKYO, SOVIET FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, IVAN SEMICHASTNOV, TOLD THE JAPANESE THE SOVIETS WILL SUPPLY THEM 25 MILLION TONS OF OIL PER YEAR THROUGH THE TYUMEN PIPELINE RATHER THAN THE 40 MILLION TONS EXPECTED. THE JAPANESE FEEL THIS CHANGE RAISES "SERIOUS QUESTIONS" ABOUT THE ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROJECT, AND EMBASSY TOKYO COMMENTS THAT THE SOVIET POSITION INDICATES CONCERN ABOUT THEIR OWN ENERGY SITUATION. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 11625, 9/10.

4. COTTON MERCHANT VISITS PEKING

JULIEN HOHENBERG, PRESIDENT OF HOHENBERG BROTHERS, A MEMPHIS COTTON COMPANY, TRAVELLED TO PEKING SEPTEMBER 10 FOR TALKS WITH TRADE OFFICIALS. CONSULATE GENERAL HONG KONG COMMENTS THAT THE INVITATION IMPLIES CHINESE INTEREST IN FUTURE COTTON PURCHASES, PERHAPS DURING 1974-75. HOHENBERG IS UNWILLING TO SIGN FURTHER CONTRACTS WITH THE PRC AT THIS TIME AS HE FEARS SPIRALING COTTON PRICES AND A TIGHT SUPPLY SITUATION COULD LEAD TO UNFILLED CONTRACTS WITH ADVERSE EFFECTS ON FUTURE COTTON EXPORTS TO THE PRC. (CONFIDENTIAL) HONG KONG 9022, 9/10.

5. PRELIMINARY HONG KONG REACTION TO GUARANTEE EXTENSION

HONG KONG'S RESPONSE TO THE UK ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE EXTENSION OF STERLING GUARANTEES WILL PROBABLY BE DELAYED A FEW DAYS WHILE THE GOVERNMENT CONSULTS WITH LOCAL BANKS AND BUSINESSMEN, WHO ARE PRESSURING FOR HARD BARGAINING. HONG KONG OFFICIALS WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT HONG KONG WILL BE CONFINED TO THE HIGH 89 PERCENT MINIMUM STERLING PROPORTION AND HINTED THAT THEY MAY NOT ACCEPT THE EXTENSION UNLESS FURTHER DIVERSIFICATION IS MADE POSSIBLE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) HONG KONG

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6. UNUSUAL CRITICISM OF PALESTINIANS IN CAIRO PRESS

AN ARTICLE CRITICIZING THE RECENT PALESTINIAN PLAN TO SHOOT DOWN AN EL AL AIRLINER IN ROME APPEARED IN THE CAIRO PRESS ON SEPTEMBER 9. US INTERESTS SECTION CAIRO NOTES THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONCERN IN EGYPT OVER TERRORIST ACTIVITIES ALTHOUGH PRESS CRITICISM OF THE PALESTINIANS IS UNUSUAL AND THE ARTICLE PRO-

BABLY DID NOT HAVE HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT CLEARANCE.  
(CONFIDENTIAL) CAIRO 2700, 9/10.

7. GULF PRODUCERS TO ASK FOR PRICE INCREASE

A SENIOR KUWAITI PETROLEUM OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBASSY KUWAIT THAT AT A RECENT MEETING OF PERSIAN GULF OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES THE PRODUCERS WERE IN "ALMOST UNANIMOUS" AGREEMENT ON THE NEED FOR NEW POSTED PRICE PROPOSALS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 15 OPEC MEETING. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN LIBYA WILL PROBABLY AFFECT THE MAGNITUDE OF THE REQUESTED INCREASE. THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE SOME "AUTOMATIC" ADJUSTMENT PROCESS WHICH WOULD "DEPOLITICIZE" PETROLEUM. (CONFIDENTIAL) KUWAIT 3280, 9/10. RUSH

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